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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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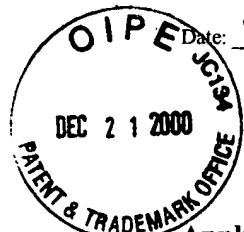
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced application, please find the following:

1. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
2. a Declaration for Utility Patent Application, Form PTO/SB/01;
3. a Statement Claiming Small Entity Status – Small Business Concern, Form PTO/SB/10; and
4. a check in the amount of \$65.00 as the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), small entity.

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp and mail the postcard to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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